

I'm glad you're here today!

Bethany Church is a place where you can ask questions, worship God freely, and find community for life.

Senior Pastor **Briant Cuffy**



## Connect Grow Serve

### BYLAWS UPDATE

Our Bylaws committee has formed and are continuing to hold their meetings on Thursdays. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to work for the future of Bethany Church.

### CAFÉ SIGN UPS

We have restarted our weekly Café time. As such, we need people to sign up to bring snacks, pastries, and (Crème brûlée?!?!?) on Sunday mornings. If you are able to help, please see Andrew to sign up!

### YOUTH GROUP WINTER CAMP

The Youth group finishes their Winter Camp today and is heading back home from Big Bear. Please pray for safe travels, and that the time spent together brings them closer to God and to each other.

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

We support Partners International. The following is from Partners, Int'l Vietnam: We are blessed by your support and enthusiasm to witness and expand the kingdom of God to all ethnic groups in the Mekong. PRAY: For the new believers to be grounded in God's Word and grow in their faith; for boldness and wisdom for Vietnam C's pastors and leaders; for the continued growth of the churches in North Vietnam; for more university students to accept Christ and become servants for Him.

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**BETHANY CHURCH  
OF SIERRA MADRE**

# Welcome January 16, 2022

### Our Vision:

To develop fully committed followers of Jesus, who know and love God and make Him known

### Our Mission:

**Connect**  
to God  
**Grow**  
together  
**Serve**  
the world

## Core Beliefs

rediscovering the basics of our faith

### Here for the first time?

Stop by our Welcome Center for answers to your questions and help with getting connected.

You can also go to our website:

[bethanychurchsm.org](http://bethanychurchsm.org)



We encourage you to have your children participate in our worship time. We have a family room streaming the service if you'd like to use it.

### What to expect

We'll worship together.

Our pastor will teach from the Bible and help us respond to what God is saying.

We have Small Groups after the service. Contact Carrie Cuffy if you'd like to get connected.

### SERMON NOTES

The Church: God's Presence on Earth

I Corinthians 12:12-28

Through the Church God Unfolds His Purpose and Purpose for the ages (V.12-28).

How exactly does God reveal His power and purpose through the church?

He does this in three ways:

(1) Through the church God disarms the powers of darkness (Col. 2:14-15)

(2) Through the church, God manifests His wisdom (Eph. 3:8-11)

(3) Through the church, God is glorified forever (Eph. 3:21)



What is the church? Why does it exist? The church is God's presence on earth. It is God's kids living out their Father's purpose in their Father's power. It's that simple. That's why hell cannot take it down (Mk.16:18). No matter what rises up against God's church, in the end, we win! The fact that the church comprises many diverse people is intended to manifest what God's people look like when they follow their king, Jesus. What do you think of when you think about the church?



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Here's the thing I haven't yet said: you are the church! You are the "called out" ones. This week let God use you to disarm the powers of darkness, to manifest his wisdom, and to glorify Himself. You say, how do I do that? By praying, confessing, and spending quality time with the king in His Word. When you do that, God's purpose and power will flow from your life to accomplish His purpose!

Let's be the church!

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